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Officer Candidates Leave For Training

From an application list approximating several hundred non-commissioned officers and privates who aspire to be commissioned officers, seven Dixie Division soldiers have been ordered to the Infantry School at Fort Benning, Georgia, and 9 to the Field Artillery School at Fort Sill, Oklahoma. In addition, 22 men have been interviewed by Lt. Col. William A. Ray, President, Board of Officers, Camp Livingston, to determine their suitability for infantry officers training.

The seven men, who left for Ft. Benning, are: 1st Sgt. Charles R. Fleming, Co. I, and Sgt. William J. Streetman, Co. L, 167th Infantry; Sgt. William J. Schreiner, Co. M, 155th Inf.; 1st Sgt. Sgt. Elmo R. Smith, Hq. Det., 2nd Bn., Sgts. Herman P. Lutz, Hq. Co.; John A. McInnis, Co. A, and Corp. Edwin S. Yates, Co. M, all of the 124th Inf.

The artillery candidates, who must report at Fort Sill by this morning are: Tech. Sgt. Leon G. Gilchrist, Hq. Btry., 1st Bn., 117th Field Artillery; Sgt. Arnold O. Lopez, Btry. F, and Corp. William P. Mitchell, Btry. C, of the 114th Field Artillery; from the 119th Field Artillery selected were Sgt. Earl F. Green, Hq. Btry., 1st Bn.; Corp. Reginald A. McCarty, Sgt. Kennedy C. Bullard, and James D. Cline, all from Battery B; Sgt. James D. Clark, Battery D; and Sgt. Thomas E. Kanev, Battery A.

Also approved were two candidates from the 35th Field Artillery Brigade and one from the Station Complement at Camp Blanding.

Of the men who appeared before Lt. Col. Ray for interview, "to determine their suitability for initial (provisional) acceptance as Officer Candidates," eight were from the 167th Infantry and 6 from the 155th Infantry. These from the 167th were: Technical Sergeant James C. Stewart and Sgt. Raymond T. Haines, Band; 1st Sgt. Alfred H. Chappell and Staff Sgt. Conner C. Stokes, Co. H; Sgt. George B. Moore and Pvt. 1st Herbert Hamilton, Co. A; Pvt. Benjamin F. Holcomb, Jr., Hq. Det., 3rd Bn.; and Staff Sgt. Washington C. Carter, Hq. Co.

From Louisiana's 156th the men interviewed were Sgts. William Buckley and Cecil W. Painter, and Corp. James L. French, Co. M; Sgts. Robert I. Ash and Raymond H. Pauley, Co. L; and Private Wilson R. Spell, Co. F. Others selected were Sgt. Raymond L. Meek, Hq. Co., 62nd Inf. Brigade; Staff Sgt. Albert J. Zinni, Co. C, and Sgts. Vann E. McKeithen, Co. E, and Frank S. Ray, Co. D, 124th Infantry; and from the 155th Infantry, Sgts. Fernand D. Brachstone, Co. H, and Major L. Breeland, Co. K; Staff Sgt. Robert A. Young, Hq. Co., and Corp. Sterling L. Plunkett, Hq. Det., 3rd Bn.

MIAMI BOYS MAKE NEWS

The two Miami, Fla. Companies, A and B of the 124th Infantry, received some real publicity in the Sunday edition of the Miami Herald. A special section in the "Roto" devoted two full pages to the Miami men in training. Photographs were made by Corp. Neville Harrington, Press Section.

One of the largest pictures showed one soldier reading the 31st Division's own paper the "Dixie," and the whole series was worked out of a soldier's day in camp from reveille to retreat, with different soldiers in each picture.

The Florida boys have sent for many copies of the paper and many have received letters from their friends and families containing the pictures.

"Yoo Hoo" Answer Beats Them All

"I'm just a soldier, lonesome and blue. You write to me and I'll write to you." wrote Pvt. "Pop" Johnson of Company D, 167th Inf. on a note he threw from a conveyer, hoping some beautiful young lady would find it. Upon arriving in camp here he received the following reply to his note: "I received your note and since you're blue Here's two weeks KP; cheer for you." It was signed by Lt. Col. James A. Webb, commanding 167th Inf.

SPEEDY UNITS LATEST THING FOR 167TH

In a movement to keep the 167th Infantry in tune with the increased tempo of modern warfare, Lt. James R. Webb today announced the organization of two new-type motorized detachments.

One detachment of twenty-four men under the command of Lt. Cecil Mancuso will be patterned after the reconnaissance detachment recently organized by the 31st Division commander, Major General John C. Persons. It will facilitate and speed-up the gathering of information desired by the commanding officer and getting it back with the least delay.

The second detachment, designed for tremendous hitting power and for multi uses is composed of 135 men and one officer for each of three battalions. It will be made up of one rifle platoon, one Browning Automatic Rifle Team, 1 section of 50-cal. machine guns, 1 section 30-cal. machine guns, 1 section 37 mm guns and one SCR 195 type radio.

Capt. John M. Wilkins and Lt. J. H. Edwards were named as instructors for the third battalion detachment by Lt. Col. Harry Smith, battalion commander. Instructors for the second and first battalions, respectively are Lt. Sam Williams, Lt. Abbott Walden.

The latter detachment, possessing unusually heavy fire power, is expected to prove very effective in hitting hard and rapidly, for flanking attacks, rear and advanced guard actions and as a

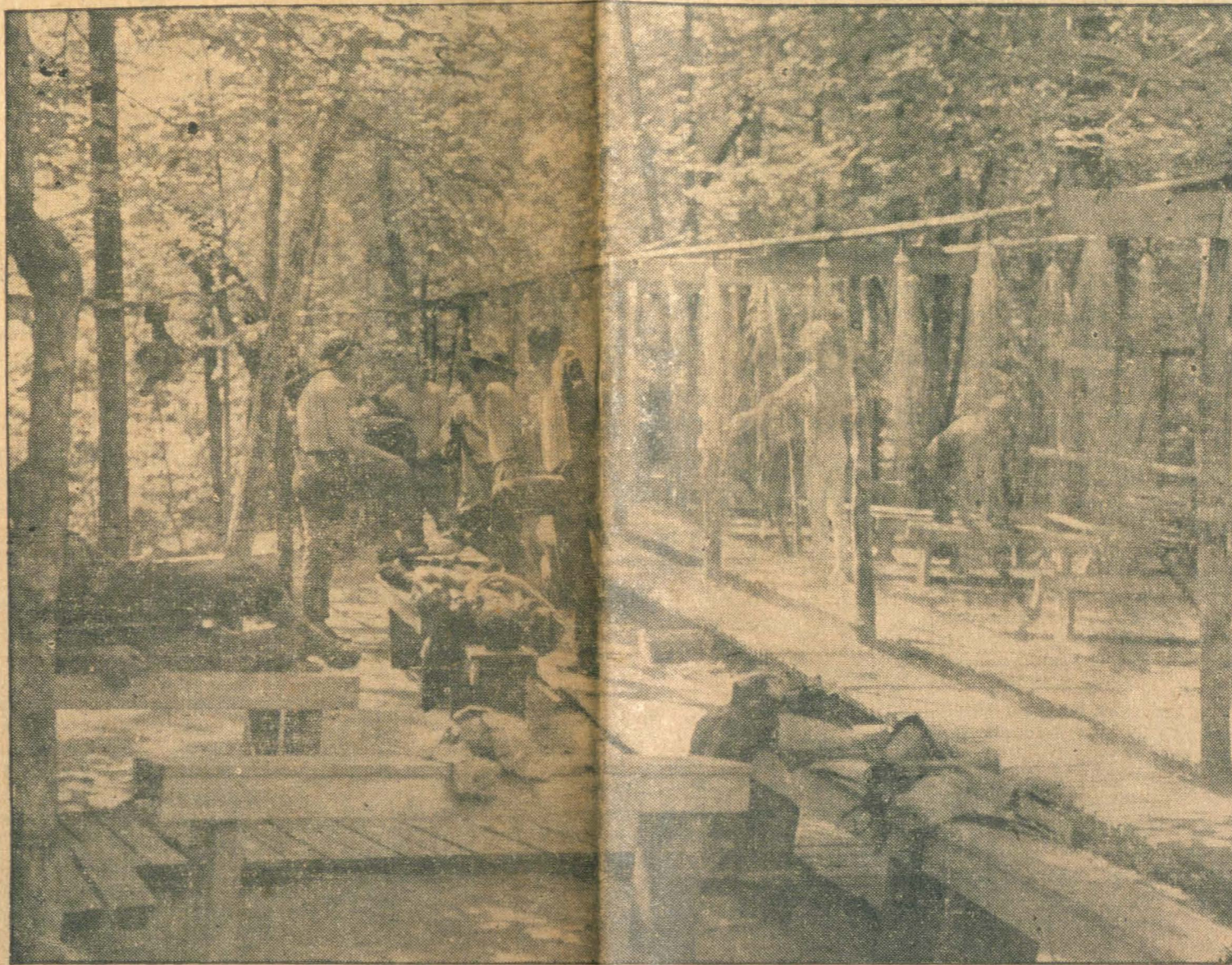
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MORE SHOWS AT BLANDING

By SGT. FRANK MANUEL (Special From Camp Blanding)

The second, big time Broadway program to visit Camp Blanding entertained the men remaining in Camp at the 74th Field Artillery Brigade Parade Ground last Thursday evening, August 14th. The excellent cast, sponsored by the U. S. O., included Don Rice, nationally known Master of Ceremonies, Marie Nash, charming songstress who has starred in several Broadway productions, Ted Lester, Elaine Arden, Six Vocalists and Eleanor Teeman, all of whom are admittedly "tops" in their respective lines of entertainment. In accordance with other U. S. O. programs of the Fourth Corps Area, admission was free to all Army Personnel.

I'd Walk a Mile For One



Getting their daily shower through courtesy of Mother Nature and the 106th Engineer Regiment, these 155th Infantrymen swap yarns as they relax before hitting the cold spray. No hot water is available, nearby streams furnishing H₂O, but the bathing facilities are accessible to every man in the Dixie Division. Six such systems have been constructed in order that no soldier will be more than a mile and a half from cleanliness.

HORSE TROOPS NEXT DOOR DIXIE AREA

Louisiana's 156th Infantry Regiment is soon to have its own regimental insignia. Officers of the Pelican State organization held a meeting the other night and chose as their emblem a golden Phoenix rising from a blazing red fire, all superimposed on a blue background. Only sanction by the War Department is needed to make the insignia official and thus give every regiment of the Dixie Division its own identifying emblem.

The Phoenix, an ancient symbol of resurgence and indestructibility, was selected, according to Lieutenant Colonel Frank P. Stubbs, who did the research work which led to the adoption of the shield, as a tribute to the 156th's famous Phoenix company of Mexican War days. This outfit, made up of volunteers, distinguished itself in the battles of Monterey, Vera Cruz and Cerro Gordo. Around it are woven some of the most sacred traditions of the regiment, Col. Stubbs said. Corporal B. F. Lewis, company M, displayed a copy of the design, as it will appear on the crest.

Alabama Men Receive Medals

Five members, officers and enlisted men, of Battery F, 117th F. A. recently received medals from Brig. Gen. Ben Smith, Adj. Gen. of Alabama for distinctive services to the Alabama National Guard, the service medals being authorized by Alabama's Governor or Frank Dixon. Officers and enlisted men receiving the medal were: Captain Joe T. Datts, (10 yr.—2 cross medal); 1st Lt. William A. White, (8 yr.—1 cross medal); 1st Sergeant Wiley Inabinette, (16 yr.—3 cross medal); Sergeant Leon T. Starling, (18 yr.—4 cross medal); Corporal Alex Holmes, (10 yr.—2 cross medal).

Home Style Food For Floridians

The personnel of Service and Ammunition Battery, First Battalion, of the 116th Field Artillery enjoyed an old fashioned, South Florida barbecue Friday night. Cook Walter "Mose" Cross and Mess Sergeant Frank Mason had charge of barbecuing the pork and preparing all the trimmings. The meat was prepared over a pit by Pvt. Cross, former Florida cattle ranch cook.

The 31st Division Judge Advocate, Lt. Col. Louis Wise, and the recreation officer, Capt. Ben Hudson, were guests of the Battery.

Plenty of Letters But No Receiver

Prior to the division's departure from Camp Blanding, Fla., the division press section released a story to all newspapers giving an example address for Louisiana maneuvers. Someone added to the story the information that the soldiers were lonesome and it would be an excellent idea if people would write them more letters. As a result the letters have been pouring into Company M of the 167th Inf. but Pvt. John Doe cannot be found on that company's roster.

Sending THE DIXIE home will save a lot of letter writing.

ARMY HORSES JUST SOLDIERS ON RECORDS

By PVT. M. C. TACKLEY 106th Q. M. Regiment

Horses used in the Cavalry units of the regular Army have serial numbers, service records, and even answer sick call in the morning in much the same way as a regular soldier does. A unit of the Cavalry is stationed near the area occupied by the 106th Quartermaster Regiment and activities of this branch of the service have been a source of great interest to these men.

Subsistence for the animals is requisitioned and hauled similarly to the methods used by the quartermaster department in feeding the units of the division. For soldiers subsistence is food; for horses it is forage.

In many respects the horses are given more attention than the soldiers. For instance, in the morning there is a bugle call for those who are ill. Often an enlisted man will not respond to the call and hence deprive himself of medical attention, all of which is his own fault. A horse, not able to express his physical condition in terms of speech, must undergo an examination by an army veterinarian and if his condition warrants attention it is given.

In transfers of horses between units, its deficiencies, its shortcomings, its illnesses, and its manner of death are kept recorded in the horse's service record. When and where the animal was purchased and its value is also known at all times by the unit to which it belongs.

Optimist Club Wants This Man

The height of optimism, or something, was reached deep in the Louisiana woods by Private Robert Hoke "Major" McCrocklin of the 106th Medical Regiment. It was a Tuesday, and three or four days before the "major" would be back in civilization, but already he was shining his shoes, right in the Louisiana mud.

Division Rolls Today Toward First Battle

All Units Participate As Entire IV Army Corps Tests Strength

SEC. STIMSON GIVES REASON FOR SERVICE

Secretary of War Stimson told the fighting men of America why they were needed for an additional eighteen months in a radio broadcast last Friday night.

In a "cards on the table" talk, the Secretary withheld no names as he stated the dangers now facing the country. He pointed out the efforts made toward defense of the hemisphere and showed the necessity of maintaining sufficient force to back up any action necessary.

The Secretary pointed out that the army was being trained to "defend the United States at any point at which an attack may be launched." He described the greatest danger as being Central and South America; mentioning unrest in various Latin Republics, "which may be attributed to the activities of foreign secret agents."

Adding that Germany might take over Dakar, West Africa and the friendly Vichy Government, of France, he pointed out that the distance to the easternmost point of Brazil can easily be traversed by air and sea from these locations.

"If an Axis power should succeed in making a lodgement upon the coast of South America, we should have a real task indeed. It would not be difficult for an

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Change of Address

Enlisted men or officers detached from the Division to attend schools, serve as umpires, or for any reason, may have THE DIXIE forwarded upon request. A note to the Circulation Manager, Press Section, with full information as to address, name, and rank, will be sufficient. The Press Section may now be reached by phone or by the following mail address: "Press Section, 31st Div., A. P. O. 31, Ragley, La."

Q. M. SOLDIERS GO VISITING

Stories of the wonders of New Orleans floated about the Regimental area of the 106th Q. M. this week following the week-end trip of some 50 men to the Crescent City. Arranged for the men by Lt. Col. A. T. Callicott, Regimental Executive, the men had accommodations on the special train which left the Dry Prong station jammed with men from the 43rd Division.

Welcomed to the city by officials, the Q. M. week-enders visited the French Quarter, the Cabildo, the Huey Long Memorial Residence, and many other points of interest. Highlight of the trip was the sale of sandwiches on the trip back by one of the men who had the foresight to purchase several loaves of bread and some ham before leaving New Orleans. Aboard the train were some 1800 soldiers.

The Dixie Division rolls today. Somewhere in Louisiana an unspecified enemy moves toward contact with our forces, ready to test the training the 31st has received.

After days of waiting, Southern troops will see action. Every man and machine will be called into use as Major General John C. Persons throws his forces into the first engagement of the Louisiana series.

Our enemy is not known, the place is undisclosed, but other units of the IV army corps will participate in the battle. The 43rd, a neighbor at Blanding for the past several months, the famous "Rolling Fourth," a regular army outfit and elements of Corps troops, all are headed for the field this morning.

Unlike the CPX of the past week, wherein only staff officers and communication units participated, every part of the 31st gets a chance to prove itself.

The enemy is actual; no mere band of a large body of fast moving troops. They are also pouring into position today, ready to take up the problem when the proper time arrives. The work of the men of the division will determine the outcome.

Armored cars, anti-tank batteries and airplanes will play a part, bringing the full background of modernization to the battlefield. Secrecy must be observed; care must be taken to protect bivouac areas from enemy observation.

The enemy will seldom be seen; this maneuver, like the war of today, is mainly a problem of movement. But it depends upon the speed and accuracy men display in carrying out orders.

Reconnaissance units will be brought into play as integral units of the intelligence net which springs from the office of Lt. Col. F. W. Bradshaw, division G-2. Striking power and cohesion within the division, brigade, regiment, battalion and even company will be put to the test by fire. Speed—in movement and in thought—is the byword.

ARTILLERYMEN BUILD ROADS WHEN NEEDED

The 116th Field Artillery proved its versatility this week when it temporarily became an army of engineers to rebuild secondary roads of the area ruined by the recent heavy rains and the wheels of the heavy Army trucks. Working under Lt. Col. W. E. Jones, the regiment's second in command and a road contractor in civilian life, and under Lt. Richard Leffers, the Second Battalion's Reconnaissance Officer, a former State Road Department engineer, a crew of 116th men surfaced the damaged roads with logs in worse sections, and graded with equipment borrowed from civilian authorities in other sections.

In amusing contrast with their civilian occupations, First Sergeant Henry Hill, of Headquarters Battery, formerly assistant circulation manager of the St. Petersburg Times, is road boss; and Lt. William F. Hunter, of Tampa, a civilian lawyer, is road crew foreman.

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LET'S SOLDIER

The two houses of Congress have approved a bill holding us for another year and a half of active duty after our original schedule has expired. We know why this was done and what our job will be for the next two years.

The die has been cast. We know now that we are needed. We were chosen as the men who could do a job. It has been decided that we are necessary to continue the work begun.

There is little doubt that soldiers of our Dixie Division understand what is taking place. A world has turned upside down. We are appointed to do guard duty over the greatest country in the world. It is our job to keep it that way.

The civilians are behind us. They expect a lot of their army and we can produce. Congress has faith in our ability. The people believe in us.

They have decided that our service is necessary to the safety of the United States. All developments have taken place only after great deliberation. The men who were chosen to guide the destinies of our country need our cooperation.

And they'll get it from the 31st. We have a full schedule at present; a large batch of maneuvers on hand and then the job of helping train the new men who join the active service.

There won't be any kick from the Dixie Division. We know that this country is sitting on a keg of dynamite. We can realize that the situation is tense enough to need us at hand.

We're soldiers. We're the men this country will have to depend on if a showdown arrives. We'll go on the way fighting men should; with a grim determination to prove that this generation can take it as well as those before did.

IF YOU THINK YOU CAN

You are a soldier in the greatest division in the United States Army. Your regiment is the best trained in the Dixie Division. Your battalion is the hardest fighting in the regiment and your unit will successfully accomplish any assignment given it. You yourself have been instructed in the latest war-time methods.

During the next few weeks we are going to have to make good these boasts. It will not be hard to do if every man believes he is identified with the greatest company, battalion, regiment and division organized to defend a great democracy. It all simmers down to the fact we have to believe to be a winner. It is only by feeling that we are identified with a proud organization that we can perpetuate the high standards of a great division.

MEN WHO PREPARE THE WAY
READY FOR "ANY EVENTUALITY"Engineers Handy With A Rifle As
Well As The Tools Of
Construction

By PVT. GENE THATCHER

As in preparation for the Ocala maneuver, the prime duties of the 106th Engineers for the past three weeks have been what amounted to manual labor: building showers, bridges, and roads. But given a war and you'll find them not so bad at the bloody end of it, for they can carry the name "Combat Engineers," and combats sometimes call for fighting.

The engineers are prepared to lay down their monkey wrench at any moment and replace it with a more formidable "Garand." Regularly, like other soldiers, they receive target practice and instruction on how best to shoot and not be shot. But most of the time, they admit, they function as any trained civilian engineer unit.

No tree is too tall to climb, no stream too wide to bridge, no terrain too uneven to traverse, and no task impossible when the engineers really swing into action. And the work of the engineers goes on in good weather or bad, night or day, when a road must be made passable for infantry or artillery trucks.

The 106th minus detachments left at Blanding had hardly arrived in the present maneuver area before Herculean tasks presented themselves, as the engineers say "as usual." The 2nd Battalion and Companies D and E were needed at IV Corps Headquarters and this left all the remaining construction to the other units. That they got the job done is exhibited in the showers and roads located throughout the 31st Bivouac.

And for the lighter side of Army life, just give the engineers a lake or a river and in no time they'll prepare a nice sandy beach. Their trucks haul materials anywhere, and every kind of tool imaginable is in their tool box. There are air compressors that do the work of ten men, bulldozers which knock down and crush trees and fences, road graders which are operated by one man or whatever the occasion calls for.

When wars are fought and won, right at the bottom of things, working feverishly with no regard for hours or limb, are the engineers.

Hard-Surface Road
Constructed Here

Regiments who are having trouble with roads leading into their bivouac area are urged to adopt the road-repairing technique used by the 124th Infantry. The Florida troops now claim passable roads in all weather through a fairly simple process.

First, details were formed to cut trees. The trees were used to fill in the deeper ruts, thus making a corded surface. Red clay, readily accessible in this section, was used to fill the gaps between the logs and smooth the surface. The final product, with the clay's

Infantry Bandmen
Are Drawing Card

The 167th Infantry band from Gadsden continues to play for that regiment every night at campfires and group singings.

Following supper the soldiers gather around a huge campfire where Chaplain Richard D. Wolcott stages an entertainment program of singing, solo numbers, and amateur talent. The band starts playing and acts like a magnet the soldiers drawing about the fire and band, attracted by the music. Within a few minutes after the band starts playing several hundred soldiers gather and Chaplain Wolcott begins his program.

Baton Rouge Unit
Now "Blitz" Company

Company A, 156th Infantry Regiment in the future will be known as a Blitz unit in the Dixie Division. Recently Lt. Col. Jasper K. Wright, first battalion commander, announced the Baton Rouge outfit is to be streamlined into a fully motorized detachment designed to fight as a separate unit, without the support of larger bodies.

The company was originally an infantry unit, but now will employ trucks, heavy weapons and be assigned to the field artillery.

Electric Lights
For Staff Officers

A small power plant set up by the 106th engineers provides electric lights for Maj. Gen. John C. Persons and high ranking division officers. Up to the present time 15 installations have been made.

There has been no light restriction imposed in regimental bivouac areas. Lights and fires may burn until taps. This order will be rescinded, of course, when troops swing into night maneuvers.

SELECTEES NOW IN ARMY
BETTER THAN 1917 CROP

31st Division former selectees who have withstood thus far the rigors of army life may pat themselves on the back for another reason: the fact that they were accepted in the army at all. The War Department in a recent compilation of statistics comparing examinations of youths for army training now and in 1917 finds current requirements much more rigid.

During the World War United States needed land-fighting men to carry rifles and shoot, while in the present emergency the mechanical trends of modern warfare dictate a need for more careful selection of the nation's manpower, according to the study made by the War Department.

Few people realize, it was pointed out, that today's trainees who reach the physical examination may not be truly representative of that particular age group. Thousands of men are in the Regular Army service, the National Guard, hold commissions or are engaged in essential work. Thousands more are exempted because of dependents, college work, religious vocations, previous service, and for many other reasons.

Another reason comparisons cannot be made is be-

Appreciation Shown
In Letter Form

Alabama's 117th Field Artillery-men were highly appreciative toward the citizens of each of the cities in which their convoys made overnight encampments, enroute to Louisiana from Camp Blanding, for the many courtesies and favors shown them during their brief stops there. In order to express their appreciation each battery composing the regiment formed its individual committee for the express purpose of writing open letters to each city's citizen, thanking them for their many kindnesses.

Novel Reveille

The sun had cast its long shadows over the thick forest only a few minutes. Soldiers were just awakening. The 124th band, however, was wide awake. The clear morning air carried a peculiar tune for that time of day. It was "Happy Birthday to You." The bandmaster was perplexed. Suddenly it dawned on him. It was his birthday!

Maneuver Dates

Here is what the Dixie Division may expect in the way of action before the completion of war games. There will be no more Command Post Exercises during August according to present plans.

Field maneuvers are listed for Aug. 19-20 and Aug. 22-23. A non-tactical break and movement troops to position for the second field maneuver is scheduled for Aug. 21-24. A critique will be held on Aug. 26.

The Dixie Division will participate in its first Third Army Command Post exercise, Sept. 1 and 2. The next day a command post exercise. Activity is to be resumed Sept. 7th and 8th when troops are moved into position. Sept. 9th and 10th another Third Army field maneuver will be held. Sept. 11-15th all troops will move into position for the war between the third and second armies. This will be the climax of our stay, lasting until the end of September.

Harmless Skunk
Causes Panic

There was much confusion around 114th F. A. Regimental C. P. Thursday night when the gas alarm sounded. Everyone was rushing around and putting on gas masks. It seems that some intelligent soldiers, detecting an unfamiliar odor, were afraid that a poisonous gas instead of the harmless phosgene had been used by mistake.

Reason—A skunk ran through the area at the same time the gas was set off.

Sealed Orders
For Prisoners

Because enemy reinforcements threatened to flank the 114th F. A. on the C. P. X. one night last week, the order of the day was a withdrawal, under cover of darkness, to better defensive positions.

The evacuation was made successfully—or nearly so.

All vehicles had cleared the threatened area except a wire truck under Corp. Al Holliday of Headquarters Battery, which was left to pick up communication lines. The truck had pulled up on the roadside, when suddenly a command car shot up beside it. An officer dismounted and handed Corp. Holliday a note with the remark: "Give this to your C. O."

As the command car slid away the wire crew gazed, stupefied, at the blue sticker (they were REDS) which laughed at them from the rear of it.

After reading the note the wire crew's suspicions were confirmed. They had been captured!

Prize Being Given
For Battalion Song

In addition to having a regimental song, men of the 1st Battalion, 156th Infantry, will soon have a melody of their own. A contest to select a battalion tune will be held next week, according to Lt. Col. Jasper K. Wright, commander of the battalion.

The winner will be picked by men of the battalion at a special meeting and will receive a prize of \$10.

Several songs have already been submitted, according to Col. Wright.

Still Several ways
To Kill a Cat

Some people dig holes with shovels but Pvt. Milton Fresh, Headquarters Co., 156th Inf., uses a dumb expression.

Assigned to the task of digging a pit for garbage in his company area recently, Fresh was making a few futile stabs at the earth when the supervisor of the job, Tech. Sgt. James Fowler, interfered. "Wait," said the non-com, "that isn't the way to dig. Here, let me show you how." Two hours later, Fowler was still showing and the hole was nearly finished.

"I didn't mind him showing me how to dig," Fresh reported later, "but I don't think he was right when he handed me the shovel and said something about me being the dumbest soldier in the Army."



THE BATTLE OF GULLIVER'S GULCH

As the Press Section docily followed the rear echelon of division headquarters during the week's CPX, little action was seen. They sat about their typewriters and made sad clucking noises as thoughts penetrated movement befogged brains. Those ideas were put on paper, then destroyed.

Suddenly action aplenty broke forth. A member of the section had rolled back his blanket, allowing a horde of yellowjackets to get out of their home, which had been covered all night. Several had evidently had important dates the night before because they were infuriated at having been kept in. Elated at having some fast breaking news to relate, this scribe set down his eyewitness account of the engagement:

Like an ambidextrous octopus, Corporal E. Martin Meadows fought the battle of Gulliver's Gulch. The wild bull elephant and the kingly lion stood in awe as this wild man tore past their lair.

Beating his head, much in the manner of an enraged gorilla, the nonplussed non-com crashed through thickets, rushed insects looming in his path and took the bark from trees so careless as to get in his way.

Pulling a flanking movement up the left breeches leg, a squadron of yellowjackets power dived on uncamouflaged sectors of anatomy. With agility worthy of a less sedate creature, the worthy E. Martin dodged a nearby creek, sidestepped a clutching grapevine and came to a quivering halt. Evermoving hands beat a constant tattoo, laying a barrage which destroyed a nest of machine gunning yellowjackets near the left armpit. The impact was so great that a group of innocent wood ticks were blasted from their happy home on an earlobe.

Like an army in full flight, he discarded all encumbrances. Onlookers were astounded to see the wildly bounding battler shed a set of coveralls while in midair, threshing at least seven legs and a baker's dozen arms while accomplishing the feat.

Reserves, in the form of Private George Siegel and Corp. Charles Pou, were poured into the breach. Under their covering anti-aircraft fire the bedraggled forces of E. Martin Meadows withdrew into the cover of a nearby swamp, leaving the fast moving forces of the yellowjackets still in command of the situation near the blankets as well as holding strong salients in his coveralls and near a deserted typewriter.

Umpire for the proceedings was 1st Lt. O. C. McDavid, Press Relations Officer, who announced that E. Martin had received a stinging defeat. Guest umpires, members of the Division General Staff assigned to the rear echelon, declared that the loser had fought a magnificent battle considering the forces opposing him.

Another crack, originating out of our close contact with the denizens of Louisiana's woods, is credited to Lt. Col. F. W. Bradshaw, division intelligence chief. Says the Colonel: Everything in this forest bites except the trees and I don't go near them because I suspect that there's a bite where there's bark.

He Likes Swing
In His Sleep

Private Henry "Mess Kit" Barclay of the 106th Medical Regiment didn't like the great outdoors—at least not its sleeping quarters. When Barclay came back to the bivouac area following a sojourn in comfortable city surroundings, with him was a hammock. Now Barclay takes his sleep on the run in real comfort.

Mosquito Stories
Growing Larger

Regimental Photographer Henry Sorenson of the 106th Engineers says: "One night, I was awakened by a loud hammering noise, much like a riveter at work. Looking up to the top of my tent I saw a mosquito. The fellow was unscrewing his bent nose with one of our engineering tools, and in his right hand was another stinger which he was going to insert for bigger and better stabs at my person."

Getting Around
Easy For Them

Lt. Col. James Faulconer, Division Chaplain, remarks that walking in circles in the woods isn't a very good practice, but for social reasons, in town, it serves excellently.

To a group of soldiers in Alexandria he commented: "Guess you're having a good time seeing all the soldier boys you know." "Yes, sir, Chaplain," they agreed, "and we find that by walking in circles we see the boys two or three times."

Artillerymen Sing
At Get Together

A songfest attended by soldiers from all batteries of the 116th Field Artillery was held Wednesday night in the natural amphitheatre located in the regimental headquarters area. Each battery of the Dixie Division regiment presented a number and the entire group joined in mass singing. The band played several numbers.

Hidden Court
Proves Handy

The 116th's A Battery, from Tampa, despite a ban on court games because they can be spotted from the air, is enjoying ballminton. Capt. Marcus Owen, the unit's skipper, had the court constructed and covered with a net. Atop the net is placed camouflage, which renders the court invisible from the air.

Soldier Mayor
Redbug Result

Red Bug Hollow, the name 116th Field Artillery Headquarters Batteries gave to the geographical depression in their bivouac area for reasons better felt than seen, has incorporated itself and elected a mayor! In the election Wednesday Pvt. First Class Walter Hogan, from St. Petersburg, was elected mayor by a large margin of votes—each red bug on the body counting as one ballot. It goes without saying that Mayor Hogan started from scratch.



With his unit moving helter-skelter across Louisiana, Company Clerk Jeremiah B. Reeves, Ser. Co., 155th Inf., decides that he can't be bothered with extra equipment. All material shown can be quickly stored in the one box and thrown aboard a truck immediately the order to clear out is received. This is an apt illustration of the way belongings must be shaved when a fighting division takes the field.

WEST POINT EXAMS TAKEN

By SGT. FRANK MANUEL
(Special From Camp Blanding)

Approximately thirty-six men remained in camp for the purpose of taking the examination for the West Point Preparatory School to be held at Ft. McPherson, Ga. The tests on Algebra, English, Literature, Geometry, and American History, each of two hour duration, were given last Monday and Tuesday, in the Corps Area Building, under the direction of 2nd Lt. J. R. Sullivan, a West Point Graduate now with the 106th Engineers. All work, except that of geometrical construction, was done in ink, and all scratch paper had to be turned in. General reaction among those taking the examinations were that they were exceptionally hard for one who had not studied the subjects recently. The Algebra and English examinations were noticeably difficult while most of the applicants completed the History test in less than the allotted time.

DIXIE DRIVERS ASSIGNED TO CIVILIAN PRESS

Twenty-five men of the 106th Quartermaster Regiment have left the maneuver area for Camp Polk where they have been detailed as special drivers of civilian-registered automobiles to be used to transport members of the press and Army public relations departments. The men, experienced in vehicular driving in the ordinary course of their quartermaster duties, will see much more of the "war" activities than the average soldier is allowed to witness.

Quartermaster at Camp Polk, these privileged few are living in the luxury of regular post life while the other men of the Regiment are carrying on under field conditions. They will drive new Plymouth and Chevrolet automobiles and under the green flag of neutrality will be attested by Army officials to travel in and out of the combat zones.

Those selected by order of Col. J. H. Spengler, commanding officer of the Quartermaster Regiment are: Pts. Wm. J. Veazey, Ohio Branch, Robt. W. Ratliff, Edgar E. Huston, Isaac F. Paradise, and Ollie L. Roberts, Co. A.; from Co. B. are Pts. Robert J. Fenner, Edgar L. Whitley, Forest J. Dubroc, Nolan J. Jeansonne, and James Walden; from Co. C. are Pts. Frank O. Eidge, John E. McDaniel, Rowland H. Pellitt, Harold J. Connors, Edgar L. Thomas, Everett O. Jackson, and James N. Cowart; and from Company D, Pts. James T. Ellison, Joe T. Hooks, John E. Kent, Gladys M. Cautchen, James M. Sharp, and Leonard F. Burke.

Smart Cook Finds A Way

Cooks have to be ingenious when they're on the field, and that's what Private Peter J. Gulas, cook with Headquarters Company, Special Troops, Rear Echelon, had to be the other day when his shipment of water failed to come through on schedule. It was time to get the noonday mess ready, so Pvt. Gulas placed several chunks of ice in with the beef in the field unit, and mess was served on time as usual.

Cook Gulas is from Mobile, Alabama, and there operated the New Dixie Cafe where many of his present "customers" used to eat before answering the call to arms.

Dixie Sergeant Served With Rainbow In World War I

One of the oldest enlisted men in length of service in the National Guard, now a part of the 31st (Dixie) Division, is Tech. Sgt. P. M. Stewart, Co. E, 106th Quartermaster Regiment, whose home is in Montgomery, Alabama.

Sgt. Stewart joined the Guards in 1915, is 44 years old and served with the famous Rainbow Division overseas. After the war he received a discharge and re-enlisted in the National Guard. His present job is inspector of the motor maintenance shop for the entire 31st Division.

Stricken Child Makes Recovery

Officers and men of the 116th Field Artillery were pleased to receive word Wednesday that Evelyn Wylie, 12-year-old daughter of Lt. and Mrs. Baldwin Wylie who was stricken with infantile paralysis recently, is steadily improving. Lt. Wylie, Executive Officer of the 116th's D Battery, was granted an extension of leave to Cordova, Ala., that he may be with his daughter during the critical period. Lt. and Mrs. Wylie lost their son, Baldwin, Jr., aged five, Aug. 3 following an attack of infantile paralysis.

Chaplain Furnishes Reading Material

Chaplain A. T. Noland of the 106th Medical Regiment is still receiving congratulations for providing up-to-the-minute reading matter for the soldiers in the field. Through Chaplain Noland and the good people of Hattiesburg, Miss., magazines are kept flowing into the Medics' quarters. It provides an excellent pastime for the troops during their off-duty moments.

Chaplain Promoted

Father Patrick E. Nolan, Catholic Chaplain of the 116th Field Artillery, recently was promoted from Captain to the rank of Major. A native of Ireland, Major Chaplain Nolan has for six and a half years been the religious and moral leader of the 116th.

Age No Matter

The uniform still gets the girls or so indicates a letter from a young lady from Sylacauga, Ala. addressed to Pvt. John Doe, Co. M., 167th Inf. "I would like to correspond with any or all soldiers between the ages of 18 and 40," the young miss said in her letter.

Three White Bears Scare 155th Private

Ever hear the story of the three white bears? Pvt. Ernest E. Moore of Company F, 155th Infantry heard the tale recently and will never forget it.

The story of the bear family was told to Moore just before he went to bed. He asked his visitors not to tell him the legend. "I hate bears," he pleaded with his narrators. "They scare me. In fact the idea of a bear makes me feel faint." His wail went unheeded. Soon the modern version of the three bears was finished. Pvt. Moore was happy the tale was ended.

He left his friends to go to bed. He had walked only a few feet when he was seized by a white figure who said, "I am the Papa Bear." Moore was too frightened to move as fast as he wanted to. His legs were paralyzed. A few feet further he was grabbed by a smaller white clad figure. "I am the Mother Bear," the second said. The private was terrified. He thought, "Please feet let's move more quickly." His feet refused to obey.

A few feet further he met the third bear. This one was the baby bear. At last Moore's feet functioned. He ran like a frightened hound, dove into his tent and fainted.

The three bears who made the story so realistic were soldiers draped in mosquito bars.

Tick Replaces World War Cootie

The tick has replaced the famous cootie of World War fame in being the "closest" thing to a soldier.

"This one is so big he has service stripes," remarked Lt. Col. Harry Smith of Birmingham, Ala., commanding officer of the third battalion, 167th Inf., as he pulled a giant tick from the neck of his chauffeur, Pvt. William S. Hare, Jr.

Foreign Correspondent

Sergeant Frank J. Manuel, 124th Inf. Provisional Guard Unit has been sending items on activities in our training camp during the absence of the main body of troops. The editors wish to thank Sergeant Manuel for these bits of news about the boys we left behind.

MILITARY EXTRACT



"Open a little wider, says the dentist, to his patient seated in a portable chair in the 155th headquarters bivouac area. This scene is being re-enacted daily all through the Dixie Division as army dentists give treatment to soldiers. Lt. William A. Smith is shown removing a tooth while his superior, Captain Le Marr Smith looks on. Dental equipment even includes a foot power drill.

Daily Classes for Medical Non-Coms.

To complete the intense training program of the 106th Medical Regiment, a school for the non-commissioned officers got under way during the past week. This school lasts four hours each day, and the following subjects are covered thoroughly: First Aid, Military Discipline, Gas, including the different types and treatment for each; Bandaging, Anatomy, Sanitation. Over 100 Medical non-coms are taking in the classes deep in the Louisiana woods.

Bugler Is Food Tester in 106th Med.

Lieutenant William B. Turk, who is the commanding officer of Company E of the 106th Medical Regiment, told Mess Sergeant Grover Spencer that the bugler would eat first and then blow Mess Call. Sergeant Spencer came back with: "Is there any particular reason for this?" Lt. Turk answered: "Well, if the bugler can blow mess call after eating, then the food is o. k. for the men."

Medicos Are Given Restaurant Service

It's restaurant service for members of Headquarters and Service company for mess, they have the choice of getting their steaks either rare, medium or well-done. Chief Cook William H. Knowles of Samson, Ala., gives the hungry soldiers other "home service," such as extra pancakes while you wait. Who says the Army isn't individualized?

6 Engineers to Take Advanced Courses

Six members of the 106th Combat Engineers have left for Fort Belvoir, Virginia to study advanced courses in engineering. They will be gone two or three months. The six are Corp. Joseph Schreiber of Panama City, Fla., Privates Gregory Hutchinson of Vicksburg, Miss., E. S. Baird of Lake Wales, Fla., Homer Wilson of Drew, Miss., John Cochran of Drew, Miss., and Warren Ward of Panama City, Fla.

Private Buys Farm on Army Salary

Pvt. Charles Touchstone of Company L, 155th Infantry Regiment will have no worry as to what he will do for employment when he gets out of the service. Shortly before Touchstone entered the service he purchased a thirty acre farm. A short time later he was able to buy a house.

Pvt. Touchstone is thirty too. He saves most of his specialist pay and picks up extra money by working in the Mississippi Regiment's field canteen. By the time he leaves the service he will own his home free and clear.

SEND THE DIXIE — IT'S A "LETTER FROM CAMP."

GEN. PERSONS KEEPS PROMISE

Members of Company H, 155th Infantry Regiment realized last week-end that Maj. Gen. John C. Persons never forgets a promise. More than two months ago the Corinth, Miss. Company was commended for the way it fought a forest fire in Ocoila National Park. The men's action was brought to the Dixie Division commander's attention by the park's chief forester. The ten men specifically mentioned were given a ten day furlough. The rest of the unit was promised an extra day on a week-end pass. Last week-end the company was given a Saturday, Sunday and Monday pass.

The men of the company asked the DIXIE to thank General Persons for the extra day. It enabled many men to get home who would not have been able to make trip on the week-end pass.

Louisiana Games Provide Reunion For Four Brothers

Louisiana maneuvers will soon give four soldier brothers from Meridian, Miss. an opportunity for their first reunion in more than four years. They are now in the state within a relatively short distance of each other.

Corporal John N. Harrington is staff photographer with the Press Section of the 31st (Dixie) Division, now camped in the Alexandria region. Young Harrington has just celebrated his 21st birthday and three years of service in the National Guard. Also in the Dixie Division is Master Sergeant William J. Harrington, with Service Battery of the 1st Battalion, 114th Field Artillery, 31st Division. He will soon leave for Fort Sill, Oklahoma, to take an officer's training course.

The other Harringtons are in the air services. Staff Sergeant Edwin is an air mechanic at Barksdale Field, Shreveport, having just returned from the Panama Canal Zone. The fourth brother, Corporal Joseph Louis, is a Regular Army man, stationed at the New Orleans Air Base as an office technician. He will soon leave to train as a flying cadet.

A reunion in New Orleans is planned by the Harrington quartette. The other member of the family, a young sister, is not in the service, but intends to take up Red Cross nursing.

114th Band Music Soothes Ill Soldiers

"Music hath charms that heals the ailing soldier."

Dixie Division patients receiving treatment in the 106th Medical Regiment's clearing station, were given a lift by the 114th Field Artillery band recently. No sooner had the band struck up a lively tune than the boys sat up in their beds. It had such an invigorating effect on others that they walked out of the tents and stood around. One hardy patient even wanted to toot a trumpet.

Q. M. Bald Heads In Life Magazine

Company F, 106th Q. M. received national publicity last week in Life Magazine when several members of the unit appeared as a bald head row in the Letters to the Editor column.

The picture was taken by Gene Mathews, editor of the Bradford County Telegraph, Starke, Fla. A brief description of the Camp Blanding fad as described by Mr. Mathews.

Wash Clothes In Enemy Zone

Two members of Company A, 124th Infantry, were washing clothes in a stream near their bivouac area. Soon a squad of soldiers came upon them. The industrious men just kept scrubbing and paid them no attention. They were surprised when they heard one of them say, "You are captured—come with us."

After a great deal of explaining the 124th soldiers convinced their captors that they did not know they were in the battle zone. They were permitted to return to their work.

Soldier's Life in Field No Game For Sissies

By CORPORAL JAMES ALSOP

(Editor's note)—This story is written for the folks at home. It is intended to show, as much as possible, the true life of the soldier on the field. "Johnny" could well be almost any soldier in the Dixie Division.)

Johnny Blanding won't go marching home for approximately forty more days. The soldier of the 31st, while away, will learn all about modern war, will become hard and will live under conditions as nearly resembling those he would encounter while facing an enemy as his commanders can make them.

At Blanding he became accustomed to a tent. But those pyramids had space for six men, their equipment, a writing desk and even a stove in cold weather. In the woods of Louisiana he finds himself sharing a tiny canvas shelter with another soldier. When the two are comfortably inside, there is scarcely room for the mosquitoes.

Every time his unit moves, which will be as often as two or three times a day when the action really begins, these tiny homes must be uprooted and taken to the next spot. When it rains the floor is soggy or completely muddy. Ditches must be dug every time the tent is pitched in order to divert the floods peculiar to Louisiana's pine covered hillsides.

Hours are not certain. Reveille, as it is known in training camp is forgotten in the field. When there is work to be done, equipment to be cleaned or moving to take place, the time element is of no consequence. Night is the time of movement during a battle; the enemy is always observing. Planes constantly circle above, watching for activity to reveal the hiding place of troops.

The soldier in action learns to sleep between work periods. Many a man who suffered from insomnia will find himself sleeping while leaning against a tree. Steel floors of trucks have furnished tired soldiers with dry beds often when the torrents came.

Meals are planned for several thousand men at a time. The taste of the individual is not considered often. What is good for the majority will have to suffice. The food is solid, designed to carry a man through a hard period, but culinary flourishes are seldom found in army kitchens.

When the rain has come the soldier must still carry on. A slicker keeps only a percentage of the moisture out and he soon finds all clothing soaked. But battles don't wait on dry weather. On such days, a huge pot of hot coffee is waiting for the men when they reach the kitchen. Milk and such perishables are impossible to keep.

Johnny isn't coddled. He is expected to be a man, to take his troubles in stride and do his share of groping. Hospital facilities are on hand for those who become seriously ill. Medical detachments care for the minor injuries. In case of serious developments, the man is evacuated.

The officers are plain spoken. The men know why they are training. Though Johnny must kick, it is his safety valve when the going gets tough, he realizes his importance in the vast scheme around him. The American Soldier has an intense interest in the action taking place. He reads the paper thoroughly. The private discusses Command Post Exercises, fire control and other technical problems with amazing insight. Every man in the modern army is a technical expert in his line of work. Each man has had specialized training.

The bath is important to the soldier. Working in the heat, constantly on the move, he has little time for laundry service. Clean clothes are a problem. In the huge base camp, established near Alexandria, La., he finds showers, constructed by his engineer regiment. Although it is often a two or three mile walk, he religiously makes the trip every day.

When Johnny goes home to Blanding again he'll be wise in the ways of stopping an armored car. He will know how to keep his place in the long line of trucks silhouetted in the moonlight. A packroll will be the work of a moment and he will discuss the proper method of ditching a tent with authority. The merits of var-

New Pass Ruling

IV Corps Headquarters altered slightly the order issued on passes, leaves and furloughs for personnel in a memorandum issued this week.

The new order reads: "Passes will be restricted to periods of time when no duties are prescribed. During August the personnel on pass at one time from any unit will not exceed 15% of the commissioned and enlisted strength respectively.

"During the period of the maneuvers to include November 30, 1941, leaves and furloughs will not be granted except in cases of emergency. In the event of emergency, leaves and furloughs up to 10 days duration may be granted under the provisions contained in AR 605-115 and AR 615-275."

The memorandum was effective August 9.

Col. Always Right Says Negro Vendor

"The Colonel is always right." So says a colored ice cream peddler operating in the maneuver area. He was asked if he had a cup of strawberry ice cream. "No, only vanilla," the darkie answered. "What, no strawberry?" blurted out the angry private. "No, sir," said the negro, "the Colonel says there's too many bugs and things in it." "Is that right?" asked the soldier. "Yes, sir," said the darkie, "the Colonel's always right."

61st Brigade Saved \$6000 on Pay Day

Several hundred soldiers of the 61st Brigade have taken their officers' advice to save part of their pay each month. Last pay day Brigade Headquarters reported that more than \$6000 was sent home via money orders.

Many enlisted men banked money last month who had never done so before. They give as the reason the fact that while they are in the "woods" they have no place to spend their salary.

For Fresher Air, Try Dry Cleaning

Reddest face in the 167th Infantry this week was that of Staff Sgt. Elgin T. Hutto of Anti-Tank Co., that regiment. He was creating quite a furore over his laundry bill, an overcharge of 25 cents. Upon looking at the laundry list it was found the 25 cent charge was for one gas mask which the sergeant had sent to the laundry by mistake.

Camouflaged Ease

Soldiers of the 124th Infantry put to practice their military lessons. Just before the regiment left for Louisiana many purchased hammocks so that they would not have to sleep on the ground. In keeping with the idea to have everything camouflaged, the "Navy beds" were dyed green to conform to surroundings.

Non-Itch Campaign Develops Slogan

"Get it before it gets you!" This is the expression stressed by every battery of the 117th Field Artillery regiment as a clean-up drive to rid the regiment's area of all poison oak bush got under way last week. Due to quite a number reported cases of poison oak infection, officials of the Alabama regiment started the clean-up campaign. Practically the entire area is now free of the poisonous oak bush.

ious army units will have been proven before his eyes.

Mosquitoes, wood ticks and bees will be a laughing matter. He will be accustomed to avoiding open places; careful not to make a path in the grass which would give his position to enemy airplanes.

And he'll be hungry for the bright lights and the companionship his buddies couldn't furnish.



Famous 'Fourth Alabams' Again in Service, Carrying A Splendid Record Forward

By PVT. CHARLES W. HINKLE

Colorful is the history of Alabama's 167th Infantry—as colorful as the rainbow under which it fought in France. Rich is its tradition-enriched by the blood of the valiant fallen in battle. Deep rooted are those traditions reaching back as far as 1836 when its companies were known as the Magnolia-Cadets, Canebrake Rifle Guards, Cahaba River Rifles, Alabama Zouaves, Hardee Light Infantry and Montgomery True Blues.

Since the beginning of the Civil War when the Alabama 4th joined General Robert E. Lee's Brigade before the first battle of Manassas this regiment, later to be the 167th Infantry, could be found where the fighting was thickest.

In the spring of 1862, the Fourth Alabama took part in the battle of Seven Pines, sustaining heavy losses. As one of the regiments of Jackson's Corps, it fought the first battle of Cold Harbor, Malvern Hills, the second Battle of Manassas and Antietam. The regiment then became a part of General Law's Brigade, composed entirely of Alabama troops, and took active part in the battle of Fredericksburg and Suffolk which opened the way for Lee's invasion of the North. Passing on into Pennsylvania it suffered severely in the repulse at Gettysburg.

In the fall of 1863, the Fourth Alabama moved south with Longstreet's Corps and engaged in the battle of Chickamauga, rejoining the army of Northern Virginia in 1864. It again became involved in the hardest kind of fighting as the names Wilderness, Spotsylvania and second Cold Harbor testify. After these battles came

be found sitting around camp fires at night in the bivouac areas telling tales and their experiences with the old 167th overseas. Awe audiences of today's 167th men listen, proud to be members of a regiment of fighting men. The men of Company F swell with pride when they hear how that company was decorated with the French Croix de Guerre with palm for distinguished gallantry in action. It played a major role in stopping the German advance in the Somme-Suippes sector in July, 1918. It was this defense that enabled the allies to launch the Aisne-Marne counter offensive which marked the turning point of the war. Company F claims the honor of being the only company south of the Mason Dixon line to hold such a decoration.

On July 26 came the bloody battle for La Croix Rouge farm when the 167th advanced without artillery preparation. The red cross on the regimental insignia commemorates this battle. Col. Webb, who commanded Companies H and K, served as adjutant, 1st battalion and regimental adjutant during different phases of the war, reluctantly describes how many "Alabams" fell in driving the Germans back, with frequent use of their bayonets.

Men of Headquarters, 3rd Battalion are constantly urging their commanding officer, Lt. Wall to recount his experiences. They never tire of hearing how then Corporal Jimmy Wall crawled back through heavy enemy fire to bring food for his outfit cut off from their supplies, thus earning a citation for himself.

The 167th participated in practically every major engagement in the World War from February 21,

WHILE VISITING IN TOWN DIXIE DIVISION CHAPLAN LISTS SOLDIER'S NEEDS

A Comfortable Bed and a Hot Bath Appeal To The Soldier When He Breaks Away From The Rigors Of Camp Life

"The best gift you can give a soldier is to invite him to your home—let him have a hot bath, a comfortable bed, a home-cooked meal," says Lt. Col. James Faulconer, Chaplain of the Dixie Division, who has been addressing church congregations and civic meetings on the theme, "What Can the Civilian Do For the Soldier?"

Chaplain Faulconer stated that the one thing a soldier misses most, the phase of his ordinary living for which the Army could not adequately substitute, is the "home." The dinner, comfortable bed, hot bath is what the soldier most needs and that is even more valuable than a box from his own folks. The spiritual leader of our Southern soldiers urged congregations not to be reticent in inviting soldiers into their domiciles. "When a soldier comes to church," he stated, "recognize first that he is the cream of the crop. Because of his background he knows the value of not only the church, but the people in the church. And when he comes to church give him the thing he misses most: an opportunity for a hot bath and a bedroom. Invite him in a way that is real and convincing."

The chaplain made the point that it wasn't the fact that the Army failed to provide for the soldier, but the change—the getting away from his daily routine—was important. "It's the atmosphere in the home," he concluded, "not the matter of entertaining him; it's giving him the things he's accustomed to in the home."

New Use Found For Issue Bread

A new use for spoiled loaves of the "hard tack" bread which the Army began issuing last week has been discovered by men of Service Co., 156th Infantry. The soldiers wrap the round hard loaves in raincoats, mosquito bars, or blankets and use them for pillows.

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of the division.

2. To enter unobserved the various sections of the command posts so located, leaving therein where they would be found slips of paper containing a large "V" and the name, rank and organization of the scouts so entering, and to depart unobserved and unapprehended.

All the "enemy" scouts wore the blue armbands of the Division's theoretical enemy, and personnel of the command posts were warned of the operations against them—but the "V-Boys" stole through the woods like Indians, slipped into command post after command post, left their symbols, and silently stole away again.

During one night of the CPX, military police were thrown into a state of near confusion as "V-Boy" scouts began to harass them. Throughout the long hours the guards could be heard challenging lurking "visitors" and then giving chase when the intruders broke away. Next morning the Division commander found three "V" slips underneath his breakfast plate.

Lt. Colonel Bradshaw was enthusiastic in his praise for the accomplishments of the night workers in this trial foray.

"This 'game' was for the purpose of training intelligence scouts in their duties during combat, and the results of last week's workout proves conclusively that our 'V-Boys' are capable of carrying out any mission assigned to them," the Division intelligence chief stated. "The men and all officers 'played the game' and results were highly satisfactory."

Actively in charge of the "enemy" operations of the V-Boys during the Command Post Exercise last week were Lt. George J. Votaw, 124th Infantry, and Lt. Robert L. Woolfolk, 155th Infantry.

Returned to Duty

Returning to Company D, 167th Infantry with the latest information how best to fill soldiers' stomachs, Staff Sgt. "Square" Adams, returned this week from the Army Cook and Bakers School at Camp Forrest, Tenn.

made, so they can continue to be wilder their superiors and fellow soldiers alike.

Traffic Control Handed Division Within Area

New orders were issued 31st Division troops on the supervision of military police and the speed of vehicles by IV Corps Headquarters this week with the intensification of maneuver activities in this section.

The order read: "The IV Army Corps will be responsible until September 31, 1941, for Military Police of the area northeast of the Red River, over which IV Army Corps exercises are to be held. This responsibility includes adjacent towns including Alexandria, Louisiana."

Regulations were set down also for the control of vehicle speeds in the maneuver concentration area. Passenger vehicles are limited to 45 miles per hour on U. S. Highways, 35 m. p. h. on Louisiana concrete or black top highways and 25 m. p. h. on all other roads; trucks are limited to 25 m. p. h. on U. S. Highways, 20 m. p. h. on Louisiana concrete or black top highways, and 15 m.p.h. on all other roads.

Another Tall Story About Those Chiggers

Pvt. Olin Reeves, Battery F, 117th Field Artillery, was deeply engrossed in scratching a cluster of red spots, caused by red-bugs, or "chiggers," while standing beneath a shower of the artillerymen's shower baths. Noticing Pvt. Reeves engaged in his inspection and scratching of the blotches, another near-by shower occupant inquired if the inflammations were the results of chigger bites. "Yeah!" drawled Reeves, "Yesterday I only had one red bug and I killed him. Today several hundred came to attend his funeral and like the new surroundings so well they all decided to stay!"

Gives His All; But Unknowingly

Pvt. Pat Timmons, Battery F, 116th F. A., has given his all for defense.

Working on the guns at the gun-park recently he laid down his aged but beloved campaign hat. It kept pushing hair down in his eyes as he bent over.

Companions, nearby, were working on a truck. The heavy Army vehicle needed a padding in one of its wheels, something round, soft, durable. The hat was nearby. Its felt brim was round, soft, durable.

Pvt. Timmons feels they might have asked anyway.

Units Re-Titled To Meet Demands Of New Set Up

In a move to avoid confusion in the designation of the various higher units of the nation's defense forces, the War Department today revised methods of describing divisions, corps, and armies. Division, instead of being merely designated by number as in the past, will now be listed according to the major combat element, such as Infantry Division, Armored Division, and Cavalry Division. When a division is of special type and when the arm alone is not sufficiently descriptive, it will be designated by type, as Motorized Division, Mountain Division, and Air-Borne Division.

Corps will hereafter be known as "Army Corps" except when composed principally of Armored, Cavalry or similar specialized divisions. In the excepted cases they will be designated by the main component. An example of the new Corps designation is "Cavalry Corps," or "Armored Corps."

An "Army," which consists of two or more Corps, will be known as such, regardless of its components. The following are examples of the new designations:

31st Infantry Division
6th Cavalry Division
3rd Armored Division
4th Motorized Division
IV Army Corps
I Cavalry Corps
I Armored Corps
Third Army

Off To School in Louisiana

Pvt. First Class Charleston R. Lester, Battery E. of the 31st (Dixie) Division's 116th Field Artillery, left Monday to attend a Public Relations school conducted by the Fourth Corps Intelligence headquarters in the city of Lake Charles, La. The school will last one month.

Units Re-Titled To Meet Demands Of New Set Up

A new publication last week made its appearance in the ranks Dixie Division "house organs". The new paper is the official organ of the 3rd battalion, 156th Infantry, and is entitled "3rd Battalion Bulletin."

The staff of the publication, which has already made four appearances, is made up of 2nd Lt. Champ L. Baker, editor; 2nd Lt. Edward Heap, assistant editor; and Corp. Mike Scuderi, managing editor.

DIXIE MEN GUESTS IN NEW ORLEANS

More than 3,000 soldiers of the 31st (Dixie) Division enjoyed a special excursion to New Orleans Saturday and Sunday. The men filled two special 20-car trains and left from Dry Prong, near the maneuver area, early Saturday afternoon and returned Sunday at midnight. There was a special low fare extended by the railroad. Many of the soldiers slept Saturday night in the Lake Ponchartrain army service center. New Orleans gave the visitors a warm welcome and many amusement had special low rates for soldiers in uniform.

Bounding Bushes Feature Puppy

The soldiers around the 106th Medical Regiment's field hospital are taking no chances of losing anyone in an "air raid"—not even their animal pets. Scurrying around the bivouac area is a camouflaged puppy. Not only does the dog's color blend with the burned Louisiana terrain, but the boys have rigged up the canine with bushes. So clever is the ruse that it appears as though a bush is running towards you if you whistle.

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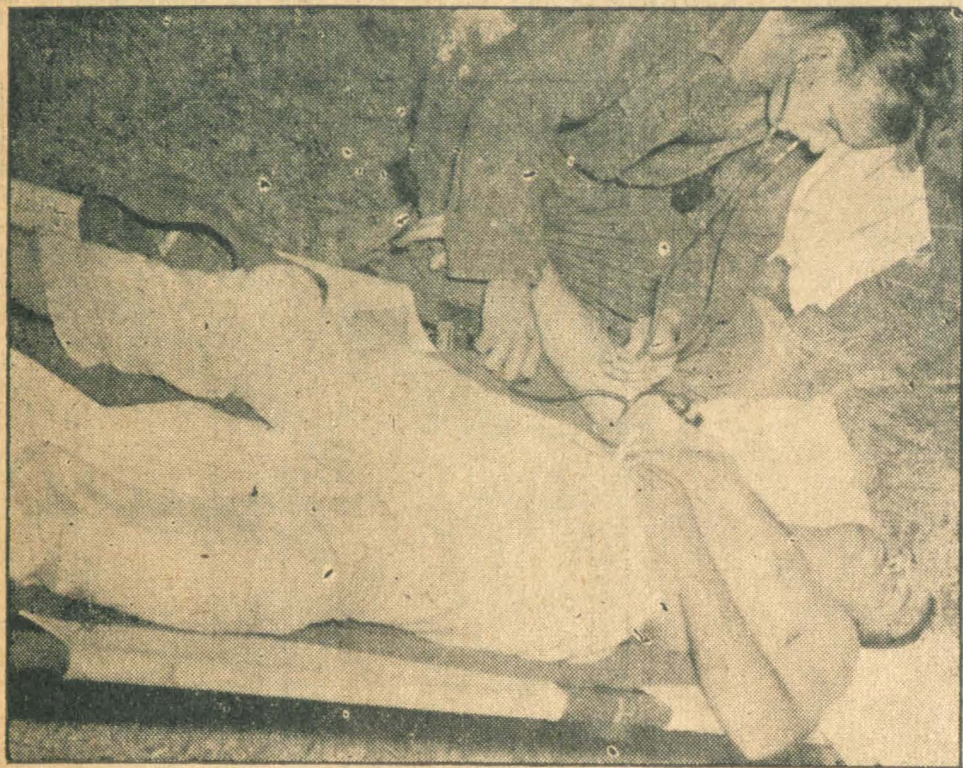
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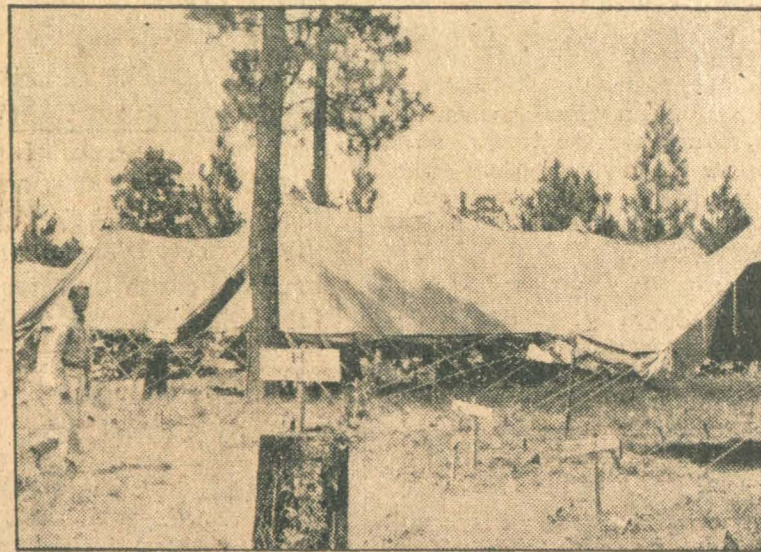
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SICK RECEIVE CARE IN FIELD



Soldiers of the 31st division who find themselves needing more medical attention than their detachment can furnish will find this traveling hospital always near the area where they are encamped. As easy to move as our transient division, this human repair shop is handled by the 106th Medical Regiment, under command of Colonel Anees Mogatgab, Division Surgeon. The middle shot shows a small section of the sizable spread of tents attended by the Medics. The top photo catches a member of the regiment as he examines a patient, preparatory to entering him for treatment. The bottom picture gives a view of one of the wards, though all are not filled with patients. Facilities are present to care for all who need medical attention.



FITTING TITLE FOR MISSILE

Lt. Col. J. K. Brantley, Regimental Executive of the 117th F. A., recently revealed an amusing story concerning an incident which occurred while he and Lt. J. M. O'Neal, Regimental Air Observer, were enroute to Louisiana, traveling in convoy. The story goes that the Col. and the Lt. were seated in the rear of their reconnaissance car, passing through a small town whose streets were lined with on-lookers, when the incident happened. As the vehicle in which the two officers were riding rolled slowly down the town's main thoroughfare a tiny boy standing near the curb yelled at the two, "Here's a book for you!", and promptly gave the volume a lusty heave. Straight into the rear seat sailed the book, catching Lt. O'Neal just above the ear. After the shock and surprise of the sudden blow had subsided the junior officer picked up the book and, much to the amusement of Colonel Brantley, read the title aloud, "Just Boys!"

Newest Paper One Month Old

A new publication last week made its appearance in the ranks Dixie Division "house organs". The new paper is the official organ of the 3rd battalion, 156th Infantry, and is entitled "3rd Battalion Bulletin."

The staff of the publication, which has already made four appearances, is made up of 2nd Lt. Champ L. Baker, editor; 2nd Lt. Edward Heap, assistant editor; and Corp. Mike Scuderi, managing editor.

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In a move to avoid confusion in the designation of the various higher units of the nation's defense forces, the War Department today revised methods of describing divisions, corps, and armies. Division, instead of being merely designated by number as in the past, will now be listed according to the major combat element, such as Infantry Division, Armored Division, and Cavalry Division. When a division is of special type and when the arm alone is not sufficiently descriptive, it will be designated by type, as Motorized Division, Mountain Division, and Air-Borne Division.

Corps will hereafter be known as "Army Corps" except when composed principally of Armored, Cavalry or similar specialized divisions. In the excepted cases they will be designated by the main component. An example of the new Corps designation is "Cavalry Corps," or "Armored Corps."

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31st Infantry Division
6th Cavalry Division
3rd Armored Division
4th Motorized Division
IV Army Corps
I Cavalry Corps
I Armored Corps
Third Army

Classified

LOST

8 C, and 15 Jewel Elgin wrist watch inside one shoe, between 8 and 9 o'clock, Friday night, August 8, at Field Artillery and Special Troops showers. If found, contact Pvt. Roy C. Jarrett, Jr. of Headquarters, Battery 56th Field Artillery Brigade, A. P. O. 31, Ragley, Louisiana. REWARD.

LOST—Wallet with important papers. No money. Between 106th Q. M. Regt., and Antonio Pvt. Peter F. Smith, Co. F, 106th Q. M. Regt.

LOST—Brown wallet with \$16 in cash and small check. Other papers of importance to owner. Between Regimental area and Curry. Sgt. Edward Cook, Co. C, 106th Q. M. Regt. REWARD.

FOUND

FOUND—1 Gun Belt and Canteen belonging either to member of 106th Engineers, 106th Medical or 106th Quartermaster. Found on Road near Dry Prong and Breezy Hill. Apply Corporal Ernest Walker, Company M, 156th Infantry.

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spearhead of counter attack.

Col. Webb stated in an interview that although the new detachments were experimental he was of the opinion they would prove invaluable complements to his infantry regiment.

Lt. Col. Harry Smith, commander of the third battalion, was very complimentary of Col. Webb's movement in organizing the new detachments. He said the new units would supply a long-needed aid for his foot troops and give him practically a new arm for use against the enemy.

The following men will make up the reconnaissance unit: Sgt. William McHale, Corporal William Rockhill, Cpl. E. H. Noe, Privates J. M. Sewell, J. H. English, R. F. Holcombe, Edward Wood, Peyton McCormick of Birmingham; Sgt. Robert Meaney, Pvs. C. G. McLellan, E. M. Morrison and R. N. Moxley of Tuscaloosa; Cpl. William Hicks, Pvs. J. G. Farris of Selma; Pvt. Roy Mason of Greensboro, Pvt. Wm. T. Hurst of Talladega; Sgt. Bobby Hale and Pvt. C. B. Ferguson of Gadsden; Cpl. James Lester, Pvs. W. W. McGee of Albertville; Pvt. W. M. Johnson, W. C. Edwards of Jacksonville, Ala.; and Pvt. Robert Chandler of Talladega.

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